

## **REMARKS**

Applicants' representative would like to thank Examiners Tsai and Roche for the courtesies extended during interviews conducted on September 2, 2010. As a result of the interviews, the Examiners agreed that the Proposed Claim Amendments submitted for the Examiner's consideration during the week of August 31, 2010 define over the cited art of record and would overcome the outstanding rejections. Further, the Examiners stated that submission of the Proposed Claim Amendments in a Supplemental Amendment would result in allowance of the subject patent application or reopening of prosecution. Accordingly, Applicants have amended the presently pending claims in accordance with the Proposed Claim Amendments and respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. No exhibits were shown or demonstrations conducted.

Claims 1-5, 7-11, and 13-17 are now pending in the application. By this Paper, Claims 1, 7, and 13 have been amended and Claims 6, 12, and 18 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. The preceding amendments and the following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action and are believed to place the application in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

## **REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claims 1, 3-7, 9-13, and 15-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over "Microsoft Device Driver for Symbios Logic ATA/ATAPI-to-1394

Controller Included in Microsoft's New NT5 Beta DDK Release, 10/6/1997" (hereinafter referred to as Microsoft '997) in view of Harris et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0081873).

Claims 2, 8, and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Microsoft '997 in view of Harris as applied to Claim 7 above, and further in view of Hatano (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0002645).

These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicants have amended the presently pending claims in accordance with the Proposed Claim Amendments. Because the Examiner indicated that the Proposed Claim Amendments define over the cited art of record following the Interview conducted on September 2, 2010, Applicants respectfully submit that independent Claims 1, 7, and 13, as well as Claims 2-5, 8-11, and 14-17, respectfully dependent therefrom, are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

## CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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